WINTER RESORTS

Furniture Store and Garage on French Street Destroyed. With \$50,000 Loss

### SEVERAL PERSONS RESCUED

Special Dispatch to Evening Public Ledger Wilmington, Del., Dec. 29 .- The mrace and furniture storage warehouse of Thomas Joyce, at 419-21 French street, and an automobile supply store at 417 French street, were destroyed by fire early this morning. The loss is estimated at about \$50,000.

Police are working on the belief that the fire was of incendiary origin. One hour before it was discovered a man whose name is withheld by the police quarreled with Joyce. He was seen to return to the Joyce building a few minutes before the fire started.

#### Feared Gasoline Explosion Firemen were handlcapped because

large quantities of gasoline were stored in the basement of the garage building, which they feared would explode. The flames started in the building owned by Joyce, and spread rapidly be-fore an alarm was turned in by a pedestrian. A second alarm was turned in immediately after the firemen arrived which called out additional fire-fighting

The automobile supply shop at 417 French street was quickly reached by the flames and was destroyed. Only a small amount of stock was saved. store was owned by William Reese.

#### Several Persons Overcome

On the other side of the Joyce building, at No. 423, firemen made a desperate a tempt to prevent the flames perate a tempt to prevent the flames from spreading, and were successful. The house is occupied by a Negro family. It filled with smoke quickly, and several of the occupants were overcome when firemen rescued them.

Mrs. Grace A. Barrett, sixty-five years old, who is blind, was carried out of the building, along with her daughter-in-law and the latter's seven children.

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Only a small quantity of furniture was sored in the warehouse at the time of the fire, several wagonloads having been moved out by owners only a short time ago.

In the garage were three trucks and a touring car. Firemen saved these, but not until they had been considerably damaged by heat and water.

### MARY MILES MINTER SETS UP OWN HOME

Just a Slight "Family Quarrel," Film Actress Says

Los Angeles, Dec. 29 .- Mary Miles Los Angeles, Dec. 29.—Mary Miles, Minter, motion-picture actress, has left the home of her mother, Mrs. Charlotte Shelby, and has set up her own establishment, according to a story printed in the Los Angeles Times yesterday. A report is current, according terday. A report is current, according to the Times that "mother and daughter have quarreled."

Interviewed at her new home, Miss Minter said her mother was "ideal,"

but admitted:

"It is true we have quarreled, but
we had only motherly and daughterly
quarrels, such as happen in any family.

I wantel a home of my own, and I
got me one." got me one."
Miss Minter said she would be twenty-one years old next April.

# HEARINGS ON CHILD LABOR

Senate Committee Hopes to Obtain Legislation at Present Session Washington, Dec. 20.—(By A. P.)

The Senate Judiclary Subcommittee
will begin hearings January 10 on proposed constitutional amendments to au-

thorize Congress to regulate child labor. It was announced today.

The subcommittee, it was said, will bear representatives of organizations and others interested in the extension of Federal jurisdiction to prescribe the ages at which children may be employed in individual to the same of the same of

ages at which children may be employed in industries and the sanitary and other conditions under which they may work.

Members of the subcommittee, which is composed of Senators Shortridge.

Republican, California; Colt, Republican, Rhode Island, and Walsh, Democran. ocrat. Montana, said today that the hearings would be expedited as much as possible in an effort to obtain legis-lation at the present session of Congress for submitting a constitutional amendment to the States.

# SHORE RESIDENCE BURNS

Ill Woman in Flaming Building Carried to Street

Atlantic City, Dec. 29.—Fire of an unknown origin, which broke out at 5 o'clock this morning at 42 South Sovereign avenue, for a time threatened serious consequences. The dwelling. which is a three-story frame structure. was badly damaged and for a time it looked as if the flames would spread to

adjoining buildings.

The blaze started in the basement and burned for an hour before discovered. William McAdams, the owner, was awakened and carried his. It sister, Mayme McAdams, to the street. The damage is estimated at about \$5000. about \$5000.

# BERNHARDT UP AGAIN

Actress Was Able to Leave Her Bed for Luncheon Today

Paris, Dec. 29.—(By A. P.)— Madame Sarah Bernhardt was distinctly better today.

She was able to leave her bed and had luncheon with the members of her bousehold.

The physicians, it was announced today, have found no evidence of or-ganic disease or chronic illness and have come to the conclusion that the tecent collapse of the famous actress was due only to overexertion and strain.

# 6 SAVED BY BREECHES BUOY

Schooner Believed Liquor-Laden Goes Ashore on Cape Cod

Provincetown, Mass., Dec. 20.—(By A. P.)—The schooner Annie L. Spindler of Yarmouth, N. S., was wrecked at Race Point today. The crew of six men, trussed to the rigging in a storm of almost hurricane strength for house hours, was rescued by a breeches buoy. It was reported that the vessel was collins, head of the coast guard crew

# which rescued the seamen, said he had no official knowledge of her cargo.

**BUSINESS GAINING** Healthy Tone Reported in Federal

Reserve Board's Report Washington, Dec. 29.—(By A. P.) November business conditions repre-sented a continuation of the upward trend in production, a greater employ-

ment of labor which in some localities was reported nearing the scarcity mark, and a generally healthy tone in trade, according to the monthly survey made public today by the Federal Reserve Board.

Contrary to the usual situation at this season of the year, the board found production in basic industries increasing, a condition that has proceeded almost uninterruptedly since July, 1921, when production was lower than at any time in recent years. The condition, the board believed, augured well.

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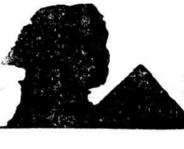
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